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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: ZERNICKEL-2

In re Application of:)
ALEXANDER ZERNICKEL & HORST DÖPPLING))
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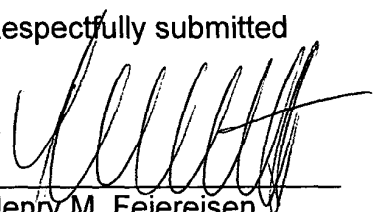
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It is requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office takes judicial notice that the Empire State Building was sealed off on August 15, 2003 as a result of a power outage that affected New York City and began on August 14, 2003 at approximately 4pm. Since the offices of applicant's representative are located in the Empire State Building, he was therefore unable to carry out the required submission in above-identified patent application before the expiration of the due date on August 15, 2003.

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